

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 12-14 and 16 have been canceled, thereby obviating the rejections of these claims.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 7-11 are allowable.

The Examiner has indicated that Applicants' previous reply has overcome the rejection of Claim 15. However, the Examiner has objected to Claim 15 as being dependent upon rejected Claim 1. The Applicants have amended Claim 15 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 1, thereby placing Claim 15 in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Claims 7-11 and 15 are pending in the present Application. Claims 7-11 and 15 are allowable. The Applicants request that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance. If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 895-3545 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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